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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

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President's Message



As you read the stories of volunteerism in this issue of *The Alumni Communicator*, you will see that Western New England College is committed to leading in the effort to serve people and strengthen our society.

DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

The primary mission of Western New England College is to teach students and to facilitate learning. As an institution we determine the areas and fields of study contained in the curriculum, and we also help students learn the important role and responsibility they have in contributing to the well being and health of our society and of our democracy. We consciously provide the means by which our students can become, as the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. expressed it, other-centered: "I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up."

The College has always demonstrated that it accepts its role as institutional citizen to *build up* in our community and in our society. We believe that individuals can learn how to be builders. Consequently, we have taken it as our responsibility to afford opportunities that teach all of us, especially our students, how to be other-centered so that our society may flourish and be developed in the way suggested by Dr. King. In fact, at Western New England College we pledge our commitment to this way of being; we have recognized that volunteerism is an important concept to understand and to practice.

Our pledge is well defined through a variety of opportunities to volunteer—from those associated with the practical applications of "Learning Beyond the Classroom" and service-oriented projects offered through our 60 clubs and organizations to alternative Spring Break programs in which students spend their vacation building and repairing homes for people in need.

In addition we foster such ideals through our institutional practices: employees who mentor young people in established mentoring programs are granted an hour per week from their work to encourage their participation. Alumni too are provided enriching volunteer opportunities that also afford a venue for social outlet and reconnection with their alma mater.

As you read the stories of volunteerism in this issue of *The Alumni Communicator*, you will see that Western New England College is committed to leading in the effort to serve people and strengthen our society. You will surely feel proud to know that this College is helping students learn to be important contributors to the society in which they will live and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Anthony Caprio". The script is fluid and cursive.

Anthony S. Caprio H'00

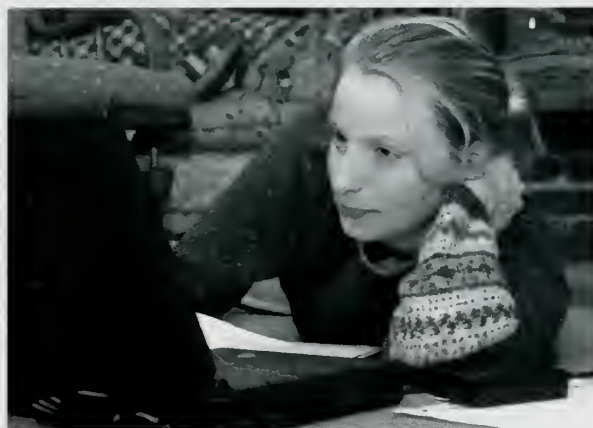
Online classes help you go the distance

By Janet L. Castleman, Ph.D.
Director of Continuing Education

If you've been meaning to continue your education, but find that life keeps getting in your way, distance learning may be the solution for you. Maybe you find it difficult to get to a campus because you're a single parent. Perhaps you can't get to the class you signed up for because your boss sends you on business trips at the last minute. What if you could attend class from the comfort of your home or office? Online learning at Western New England College may be the right choice for you.

Online or "distance learning" classes meet over the Internet instead of in person. The course content, class work, and discussions are typically exchanged via the World Wide Web. These virtual classrooms allow professors to teach and students to learn anywhere, anytime. The popularity of this new educational vehicle comes as no surprise. There are now over 377 million people using the Internet; it's no wonder many of these users look for online solutions to their education. According to the International Data Corporation (IDC), 2.2 million college students will enroll in courses taught over the Internet by the year 2002.

Western New England College has been involved in online learning for the past several years. The College employs a user-friendly software program known as *Manhattan*, a "course management system," to provide distance learning opportunities to students. Steve Narmontas, manager of the College's Educational Technology Center, developed *Manhattan* in 1997. At that time, distance learning was in its early stages and few commercial software packages were available to academic institutions.



SO WHAT DOES A VIRTUAL CLASSROOM LOOK LIKE?

Students who enroll in a class using *Manhattan* are given a special password to enter their virtual classroom. When they log on, they see a screen with several course components which may include the syllabus, assignments, lecture notes, handouts, announcements, and Internet resources. Students and instructors can communicate via a special email system; they can also participate in electronic discussion groups as well as live "chats." Assignments and papers can be submitted by students and returned by professors electronically. There is also the ability to take tests online. The software is simple to use; if you can browse the Web and use a word processor, you can use *Manhattan*. Why not try it now? You can sample a *Manhattan* classroom by logging onto <http://Manhattan.wnec.edu>

Manhattan has been used by hundreds of "traditional" classes on the Western New England College campus to supplement face-to-face class meetings. According to Steve Narmontas, approximately 130 such classes are currently using *Manhattan*, which allows discussion and interaction to extend beyond classroom walls and meeting times. The software has been receiving excellent reviews not only on campus, but nation-

ally and internationally as well. It was recently released for public use over the Internet and has been downloaded for free by hundreds of users.

How do you know if distance learning is right for you? You may be surprised to learn that faculty

and students often report more interaction with one another online than in face-to-face classes. Dr. Richard Luxton, associate professor of sociology, taught several courses online and reports that "the anonymity of distance learning actually creates a greater sense of closeness amongst students than a regular class." Faculty members find they have increased contact with their students through online discussions, email exchanges and individual attention and feedback. They also agree that the quality of their students' work is very high; students tend to be quite self-directed and motivated.

STUDY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Students enroll in online classes at Western New England College because they are flexible and convenient. This trend is supported on the national level as well: the number one reason college students give for taking online classes is flexibility in time and place — being able to study when and where they want. Paul Sticca, an MBA student at the College, enrolled in the Organizational Theory and Behavior course last fall for such reasons: "As a new manager in a Fortune 100 company, I quickly realized the need to continue my education. But who has the time? Balancing

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Meet the Chief

Alumna Diane Skoog is a member of an elite sisterhood. Of the over 300 cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with chiefs of police, only eight have installed women to the post. Diane Skoog was the second woman to be named a police chief back in 1991. Today, she heads a department of 17 in the small town of Carver, Massachusetts, located 40 miles south of Boston, and serves as secretary of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives.

The Alumni Communicator talked with Diane from her Carver office about her career and the role of women in law enforcement, then and now.

COMMUNICATOR: How did you first become involved in law enforcement?

DIANE: In 1978, I was a single parent with two children to support. I was working part-time as a school bus driver and fast-food restaurant manager and wanted to gradually move into a full-time career. There weren't any women police officers in Carver then. I met with the chief and inquired about becoming a matron in the women's jail. When he gave me an application, I said I was also interested in becoming a police officer. After that I never heard back from him. Fortunately Carver is a Civil Service town; if you make the grade, you're in. I took the exam and was at the top of the list. I started part-time as what they called "permanent intermittents," people who work part-time during a shift.

My first night on patrol was Halloween. Of course there was no big folderol when I came on board, no press coverage. It was just a routine intermit-



Diane Skoog '94/G'98
Chief of Police, Carver, MA

tent appointment. The chief gave me the walking beat in the center of town. No one knew I was a female officer; they thought I was in costume. You wouldn't believe how much candy I collected that night!

COMMUNICATOR: What kind of obstacles did you have to overcome as the first woman on the force?

DIANE: It's been over 20 years and it has not changed for women. I still have to prove myself every day. When I was appointed full-time I was sent to the academy with a male intermittent. He flunked out after two and a half weeks and I went on to graduate. Usually, the chief sent people to an academy where you went in the morning and came home at night. He sent me to the State Police Academy where you left Monday morning and didn't come home until Friday night. That was hard for me being a single parent. I was at the academy for three months. But every lap I ran, I sang that man's praises. It was just like boot camp. I felt a great sense of accomplishment when I graduated. And I was skinny!

COMMUNICATOR: How did you move up the ranks to become chief of police?

DIANE: I started as patrolman on April Fool's Day 1979. The population of Carver was a little over 5,000 then and now we're up to 11,400. I was made sergeant in 1982 and received my associate's degree. I was named acting chief in 1990 and chief in 1991. Then I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees from Western New England College in the Off-Campus Program.

COMMUNICATOR: Why is higher education important for police officers today?

DIANE: My goal is to make my department as professional as possible and education is a key player in that goal. Education makes for a better rounded police officer. It helps to get rid of prejudices. It opens up their eyes to humanity. I would like every single officer in my department to have a degree. Out of 17 officers, two female, I have eight with degrees, including four master's. That's more than 50 percent.

COMMUNICATOR: Why do you feel law enforcement is a good career path for women?

DIANE: I gave a speech at a high school for Women's History Month. I told the girls that this is the profession for today. Cities and towns are clamoring for women because they've got to meet affirmative action or they have other parity guidelines to satisfy, so that gives women a little bit of an edge—and the benefits are wonderful. Of course, it still is a great profession for men. My son, Eric, is a law enforcement officer in New Jersey. **W**

Letter from the Alumni Director

"All day long my job involves community service so my work for the Alumni Association is a change of pace. Volunteering at the College's radio station provides stress relief from my work and graduate school. It gives me an opportunity to complete a long-term project that I started as an undergraduate and stay involved with something I really enjoy."



Daniel Bruno '97, an East Longmeadow, MA police officer, volunteers as the technical assistant at WNEK-FM. He is also an Alumni Mentor and an Alumni Day Speaker.

See page 6 to learn what other alumni volunteers are doing.

VOLUNTEERISM IS THE FOUNDATION of this institution and the Alumni Association. In many issues of *The Alumni Communicator* we celebrate volunteerism and to this end, we are looking further at what our alumni and the nation are involved with for volunteer activities.

The Alumni Association recently enjoyed several key achievements with our volunteer program. First, our own volunteer efforts have increased to over 250 active volunteers across the country—an increase of over 30 percent in the last six months. In addition, we paid tribute to two alumni who have volunteered for the Alumni Association for the past



We have a wonderful group of students and alumni who have the common bond of Western New England College. There is a place for each one of us here, and I urge you to be a part of it. You'll be surprised by all the possibilities that exist.

50 years. Alfred A. LaRiviere '51/H'95 and Raymond Meyers '51/G'64 were honored at the Alumni Volunteer Recognition Brunch on April 1 by the Alumni Association. The Association renamed two of its Service Awards. They are now called the Alfred A. LaRiviere Award for Outstanding Service to the Executive Committee and the Raymond Meyers Award for Outstanding Service to the Administrative Committee.

In the spirit of volunteerism and growth, I invite you to become involved with OUR Alumni Association. Each of us has taken a different piece from the College and made it fit into our lives. We have a wonderful group of students and alumni who have the common bond of Western New England College. There is a place for each one of us here, and I urge you to be a part of it. You'll be surprised by all the possibilities that exist.

We are planning a number of chapter and Association events for you in the upcoming months. Our website (www.wnec.edu/alumni) highlights activities and their status on a bi-weekly basis. Check it out and join us at some of our events. In addition, the Benefits and Services Team is conducting surveys and making recommendations for the offerings that we set forth for you. Please share your ideas and review the survey in this issue and online.

Kara Kapinos

Kara Kapinos '87/G'89





Volunteerism

Giving the Gift of Time

By Mary Mazzaferro

IN THE CYCLE OF LIFE, time is our most precious commodity. The 24/7 world of the 21st Century is a place where it seems every second of time is accounted for and even children's "play dates" are planned in advance. Yet across demographic groups, as we are overburdened by work, short on quality time with our families, and "leisure time" is a distant memory, more Americans than ever are making the commitment to serve others. Why?

2001 THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

In 1997, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2001 the International Year of Volunteers. As countries around the world celebrate the impor-

tant role service to others plays in our global society, we in the United States can take pride in a history built on a strong service ethic.

From the volunteer colonial militia who fought for our freedom to the tireless volunteers who work on the frontlines of social change today, Americans have made service a part of our collective culture. Without a strong infrastructure, our young nation depended on individuals to provide vital services to our communities. Neighbor helping neighbor to raise a barn, women nursing the sick in times of war or epidemics, church congregations reaching out to the disadvantaged, and political activism from main street to the Capitol created a climate of social and civic engagement that remains with us to this day.

SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

Today, 90 million Americans volunteer their time to worthy causes each year. While the number of volunteers is increasing, our overly scheduled lives are causing the total hours volunteered per person to decline.

The sheer volume of nonprofits, 1.14 million organizations in the U.S. alone, places enormous pressure on administrators to attract volunteers. The current economic downturn will create heightened demand for social services, delivered in large part, by volunteers.

With Welfare Reform and the loss of funding for many social service agencies, the working poor will face the greatest need of help. Sara Weinberger, chair of the Department of Social Work at Western New England College, sug-

VOLUNTEERISM STARTS AT THE TOP

President Anthony Caprio '00 not only advocates volunteerism among our alumni, students, faculty, and staff, he serves as an example of how even the busiest of executives can find the time to make service an integral part of his day.

Dr. Caprio currently serves on numerous boards, some of which include the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, Springfield School Volunteers, Willie Ross School for the Deaf, and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

From its inception, the College has sought to instill a service ethic in its students, producing graduates who are not only leaders in their fields, but also in their communities. Under Dr. Caprio's leadership in 1998, the College made

"service learning," or "Learning Beyond the Classroom," a defining characteristic of its Mission Statement. Dr. Caprio says, "Our vision of Learning Beyond the Classroom advocates the concept that all activities outside the classroom can be made educationally purposeful."

Since 1999, Dr. Caprio has served as cochair of the Springfield Mentoring Partnership's Leadership Council and was recently appointed to the board of the Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership. His belief in the value of mentoring led him to announce in 2000 that all full-time College employees would be allowed to donate one hour of their work week to mentor a young person.

"Personally, I believe that one-to-one interaction with a child by an adult leads to dramatic change for a child. When parents are unable to provide such contact, other caring adults can assume that role most effectively."

Dr. Caprio encourages all members of the College community to find time to volunteer for a cause they support. No matter how busy our lives have become he says, "We have as much time to do whatever we choose to do. Just make the time and do it."



gests people look at volunteer opportunities focusing on the prevention of problems like homelessness. She says, "Volunteers can advocate for low income people by helping them understand their rights through work at organizations like Western Massachusetts Legal Services. Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity or lobbying to keep low income housing available are ways to help a family avoid homelessness. Visiting teenage mothers to teach parenting skills or serving as a Big Brother or Big Sister are proactive steps that can

make a real difference in people's lives."

Former President Bill Clinton has defined service to one's community as "an integral part of what it means to be American" and called for \$120 million increase in FY 2001 to support

initiatives for such programs as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth. President George W. Bush's appointment of America's Promise founder General Colin Powell as Secretary of State gives the nonprofit sector a powerful advocate in the new administration.

President Bush is already building alliances with the religious nonprofit

sector. Under his proposed Faith-Based Plan, religious groups providing help to the needy will qualify for federal financial support. The plan includes proposals to increase tax deductions for donations to religious groups as an effort to increase charitable giving and a more controversial component allowing such groups to compete for federal grants to offer social services.

THE MOTIVATION BEHIND THE MOVEMENT

Americans like to feel good about helping others, but altruism need not be the only motivation behind volunteering. Nonprofits hope and expect volunteers to receive as well as give so they strive to make volunteer assignments meaningful. Volunteering is a great way to use a talent or skill untapped by your job, stay involved with youth or an activity you loved as a child, meet new people (maybe even a mate), explore future careers, gain new skills, get involved in a new community, or advance a cause about which you feel passionate.

Alumnus Mike Cascella '75 volunteers for his local PBS affiliate and also at Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, MA, in support of LPGA events such as a Senior Women's Tour event this fall.

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Christopher Asselin, History '92

Massachusetts State Representative

Democrat, 9th Hampden District

Member, Men's Club, St. Mary's Church (Springfield); member, Galaxy Club (Westover AFB); member, Chicopee Knights of Columbus; Member and past chairman, Ward 2 Democratic Committee.

"I encourage people to participate in the political process by volunteering for a political candidate who shares their philosophy

on issues. When I am in Boston, a staff of 40 senior citizen volunteers assist in my Springfield office. I consider them my ambassadors and lifeline to the community."

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- **Family Volunteering**

If you're looking to spend quality time with your children, family volunteer experiences can help instill a life-long interest in service to others. Just be sure activities are age appropriate.

- **Singles**

Interested in meeting other caring souls? How about joining a singles volunteer group? Visit www.singlevolunteers.org

- **Virtual Volunteering**

If you've got Web skills you could create sites to put your favorite charity on the cyber map. Visit the Virtual Volunteering Project at www.serviceleader.org/vv to learn more.

- **Employee Volunteerism**

From online mentoring to rebuilding neighborhoods, leading corporations are finding support of employee volunteerism a good investment toward boosting employee retention rates.

Building Hope

STUDENTS SPEND SPRING BREAK BUILDING HOPE

Two groups of Western New England College students spent their spring break not in Cancun or Florida, but participating in Habitat for Humanity's International Collegiate Challenge: Spring Break 2001. A group of 15 students and two faculty advisors took part in the program in York, PA, from March 12 to 16. Eight students and two professors lent a helping hand to a project in Dayton, OH.

The groups helped build new homes, new hope, and new lives in this humanitarian alternative to spring break. "I was thrilled at the level of enthusiasm our students demonstrated; they truly are tomorrow's leaders and I am confident that we are leaving the world in good hands," said Dean of Freshman and Transfer Students Theodore Zern.

The York group, sponsored by the Office of Freshman and Transfer Students, was accompanied by Dean Zern and management professor Peter Hess. The Dayton student volunteers were sponsored by the Office of Learning Beyond the Classroom. David Russell,

associate professor of computer information systems, and Janet Bowdan, assistant professor of English, served as the Dayton faculty advisors.

"Going on an alternative spring break was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had, if not the most rewarding," commented Dayton participant Erica Hasman '01. "As a crew leader, I learned so many things, not only about how to work together as a group, but also about myself."

Here at home, students worked on several Habitat projects in Springfield. Looking ahead at future projects, Adina Elfant, director of

Learning Beyond the Classroom said, "I am very encouraged by the response of the campus community to the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trips, as well as the other outreach efforts we've coordinated. On the local level, the Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity chapter has been reaching out to the area colleges, and I look forward to further developing that relationship so that we're working with them in our own community, as well as elsewhere."





Natalie Pisarcik, Environmental Science '99

Laboratory Technician, Rockaway Valley Regional Sewage Authority, Boonton, NJ

Board Member, Friends of the Rockaway River; Member, Boonton Recreational Committee; Instructor, (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) Sunday School.

FINDING THE RIGHT EXPERIENCE

The Internet has made finding the right volunteer opportunity easier than ever. Here are just a few of the thousands of sites from which to begin your search:

www.volunteermatch.org—a database of nationwide volunteer opportunities for one-time and ongoing opportunities by zip code, category, and date.

www.dosomething.org—a hip, faith-based listing of service programs for youth.

www.pointsoflight.org—a directory of volunteer opportunities by state.

www.COOL2SERVE.org—a national non-profit website that helps college students develop or enhance community service programs.

Local newspapers, friends, and colleagues are also valuable sources for learning about volunteer opportunities in your area.

"I love the river. I volunteer to give back to the river for the many years of enjoyment it has given me. I help with clean-ups and I write for the organization's newsletter. While my college friends find it hilarious that I also teach Sunday School, I see it as a way for me to make an experience I didn't particularly enjoy better for my students. It is a stepping stone toward my goal of teaching high school science."

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THE NEW FACE OF VOLUNTEERISM

While volunteers come from all age groups and walks of life, a few groups are leading the charge of the new wave of volunteerism.

According to a joint survey conducted by the Ad Council and MTV, Generation Y (18-24 year olds) is extremely active in service to others (46 percent). They are attracted to service that lets them contribute in non-institutional ways and provides "life enlarging" experiences.

Nonprofits are only beginning to tap the rich volunteer pool of America's seniors. Leadership skills of retired executives make them in demand for non-profit boards.

HEARTS AND HANDS IN ACTION

Volunteerism need not be formal and it need not be a long-term commitment. Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

Youth and Education School volunteers and youth mentors are on the frontline of preparing our children to compete in the high tech world of the 21st Century. Literacy volunteers help adults improve their quality of life.

Claudia (Yonkoski) Gately '94 donates five hours a week to Literacy Volunteers. She says, "In the fall, I started tutoring a 54 year old Jamaican man. When we met, he was reading at a first

grade level. Last night, we finished *The Last of the Mohicans* and he could not be more proud of himself! I am helping him do something that he never thought he could—but, possibly, he is giving back to me more than I have given him."

Health and Social Issues Walks to fund research to fight AIDS or cancer, food drives to stock local food pantry shelves, collections of clothes and diapers for women and children in shelters are ways you can improve the health and living conditions of people facing difficult times.

Denise Caputo G'89 is a volunteer advocate and member of the Board of Advisors for Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) which trains and oversees volunteers to represent children in juvenile court.

Faith-Based Service According to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, "In a wide-ranging poll of 30,000 people, religious belief and participation emerged as the key indicator of civic involvement." Participants also volunteered and gave to charitable causes at higher-than-average rates. Throughout our country's history, faith-based organizations has been important social service providers.



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Peter Cokotis, Management '85/G'88
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Peter—member of Capital Maintenance
and Stewardship committees St. Luke's
Greek Orthodox Church, East Longmeadow
Public Schools Building Committee

“Rays of Hope helps breast cancer survivors through a variety of programs from nutrition to meditation and emotional support. I continue to focus on wellness with the help of this organization. The fundraising our family does through our team, ‘Nancy’s Angels,’ lets us give back in a meaningful way.”

—Nancy Cokotis

Social Activism Our forefathers believed in the power of democratic process in maintaining personal freedoms and embraced public assemblage and political activism as a means to that end.

From cloning to zoning changes in our neighborhoods, political activists help make the voice of the people heard.

Public Safety and National Service

According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, 22,636 of the nation's 31,114 fire departments are all-volunteer. This year marks the 365th anniversary of the National Guard whose 450,000 plus soldiers step out of the civilian ranks to serve us in times of war and natural disaster.

The Arts The arts connect us to what is universal in our humanity. Supporting music education in schools, organizing cultural fairs, or making costumes for community theater performances are just some of the many ways you can support the arts throughout your lifetime.

Music-based clubs can also tap the enthusiasm of their members to serve others. Frank “Chip” Dyer '87/G'89, president of Parrot Head Club of Connecticut, unites Jimmy Buffet fans to serve organizations such as Easter Seals, “Christmas in April,” and “Race for the Cure.”

Environment You may not be able to single handedly stop the melting of the polar icecaps, but organizing a cleanup of your child's school yard might be within your capability this weekend.

Animal Rights People with physical limitations, or just limited on time can help improve the lives of animals by writing fundraising letters.

However you choose to get involved, when you give the gift of time, you make every moment of your day more meaningful. ❧

Dick Lanier, Mechanical Engineering '72/G'78

Senior Manufacturing Engineer, Hamilton Sundstrand Mentor, Southwick Powder Mill Middle School “Future City Design” project and “Junior Solar Sprint” (solar car competition); Advisor, Manufacturing Technology Program, Westfield Vocational Technical High School and Western New England College School of Engineering; Hamilton Sundstrand Internship Coordinator for Springfield Technical Community College, Westfield State College, and Western New England College; Robinson State Park improvements volunteer; and member of the Agawam Lions Club.



“Most of my volunteer service is related to my field. I feel it is the responsibility of engineers to encourage others to join the profession by promoting science and technology educational programs. Today's students have very good computer skills, but lack the hands-on training that they get through Future City and Junior Solar Sprint. In the coming years as engineers retire, there will be a real shortage of technology professionals. For the U.S. to keep our competitive advantage, we need to develop in young students an interest in the engineering profession, especially among non-traditional groups.”

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work and family is a feat in itself; now I want to add school to the mix? I looked at several graduate programs within a 30-mile radius from work and found Western New England College's to be one of the most flexible, well-rounded MBA programs available... I wasn't sure if I would be able to fit school into my

The number one reason college students give for taking online classes is flexibility in time and place — being able to study when and where they want.

already overloaded work/family schedule...until I came across the online course with Professor Chelte... The course wasn't easy, but it was a great new experience."

At Western New England College, we recognize that distance learning can open up new doors for adult learners in particular. Dr. Anthony Chelte, professor of management at the College, believes that "distance learning makes educational opportunities more widely available... Many students have been able to continue their education which had been on hold due to work/life issues."

Perhaps an online class at Western New England College can make continuing education accessible to you. You can access the class schedule and information about distance learning, as well as register online, by visiting www.online.wnec.edu. If you're looking for a way back to school, look to your alma mater and its new distance learning opportunities. 

9th Annual Business Excellence Conference "Bringing Home the Gold"

**Thursday,
October 18, 2001
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Please return the nomination form to:

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Nomination for School of Engineering Hall of Fame

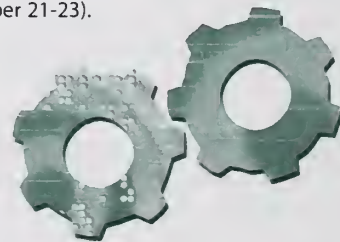
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Student Spotlight

DANNY SERRA '02

Charting a course to success

By Shera Cohen

ONE WONDERS WHEN Danny Serra sleeps. With the College's first-ever triple major in accounting, finance, and management; a 40-hour week job at Home Depot; and a position as a volunteer special police officer for the town of Ludlow; it's amazing he fit time in for this interview. He also excels at all of the above. His 3.92 cum (4.0 in his majors), management job in retail, and coordinator roles in numerous volunteer capacities justifiably give him the self-imposed description of over-achiever. "I know I take on way too much," he admitted.

Danny Serra has already determined his destination and programmed a personal roadmap to get there. He knows where he will be in five years. The next ten years will be on the road education (literally, as he travels the globe). Fifteen years after graduation, he hopes "to become president and CEO of a large corporation." Serra foresees that by his mid-thirties he will be a leader and motivator of personnel. "I want to make a difference. It's not all about money. You have to affect others' lives in positive ways, and where best than in their work environment?"

RESPONSIBILITY BEGINS AT HOME

"Responsible" describes Serra's personality in a single word. His first responsibility is to his family. A commuter student, he lives at home in Ludlow, MA,

and is not shy about his respect and love for his parents (his father died in 1995) and his older sister—"my first mentor." Responsibility to his community is equally important. Ludlow is where he spends most of his volunteer hours. Serra's heritage is Portuguese, and he takes his Lusitano Club board position seriously. In addition to his 140-hours per year assignment to the Police Department, Serra volunteers for the Western Massachusetts Pioneers (a soccer team). "If you live in Ludlow and you're Portuguese, you have to be involved in soccer. It's a given."

Being responsible to the College's community is another concern. Serra is a member of six associations, a student ambassador who helps acclimate freshmen and their parents, and a driving force in the proposed resurrection of the Financial Management Organization.

A MUTUAL INSPIRATION SOCIETY

Serra likens the College to Ludlow. "Both have a small atmosphere which I enjoy." The intimacy offers an opportunity for friendships, which Serra cherishes. Without hesitation, he gives the names of three professors as his inspiration and his friends. Dr. William Ferris taught him to learn from different cultures. Dr. Marilyn Pelosi inspired him to be open to new things. Dr. Peter Hess is "the best management teacher here." As for his initial choice in selecting a school, Western New England College



was another "best." "It's the best business school in Western Massachusetts, by far." Obviously, the feeling was mutual, as Serra received the Presidential Scholarship for four years.

In his remaining spare time, Serra is employed by the Princeton Review, motivating groups of students and offering one-on-one tutoring for SAT test preparation. "I have to smile when I see that I've helped someone." Serra also volunteers as a coordinator for two annual walk-a-thons—March of Dimes and Leukemia.

Danny Serra's career and philosophical goals began at age 14. "I researched companies and their ethics, then invested my own money for my future," Serra recalls. "Begin with the end in mind, that's my motto." At age 21, he has already successfully reached the halfway mark toward his career and life goals. ■

Girls and Sports By Deborah Porter Savoie

A Winning Combination

MORE GIRLS ARE PARTICIPATING in a wider array of physical activities and sports than ever before in American history. Exercise and sport participation can enhance mental health by offering adolescent girls positive feelings about body image, improved self-esteem, tangible experiences of competency and success, and increased self-confidence... Sports are an educational asset in girls' lives. Research findings show that many high-school female athletes report higher grades and standardized test scores and lower dropout rates, and are more likely to go on to college than their non-athletic counterparts.

—Research Report by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports



Jamie Carney '03 (center) goes up for the ball in a recent game against Springfield College. She also plays varsity lacrosse and is on the varsity cross country team.

GIRLS + SPORTS = CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS

Through athletics, girls learn to compete, cooperate, accept success and failure, and build lifelong friendships. Most of all, says Jamie Carney, a biology major and sophomore at Western New England College. "They give you confidence and self-esteem." Jamie has been playing sports since she was a little girl. She currently plays varsity basketball, lacrosse, and is a member of the cross country team. "Sports are such a part of my life," says Jamie. "They give me the competitive edge on the field and off." She recently volunteered at the College's Girls and Women in Sports Day. "I helped run the basketball clinic. The kids were great. I love encouraging them to play sports."

It has been 30 years since Title IX first appeared, and every year more and more opportunities for women in sports abound. If you watch TV sports advertisements, females are no longer helpless waifs; instead they are strong competitors, muscular and confident.



From ball games at the neighborhood park, through varsity sports and the Olympics, to professional soccer and basketball, young women are playing more sports, gaining more strength and confidence, and improving all aspects of their lives.

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Western New England College celebrated National Girls and Women in Sports Month

with their second annual "Girls and Women in Sports Day" on February 17.

The entry fee for the 125 participants, girls between the ages of 9 and 14, was canned food donations for a local shelter for women and children.

"The purpose of the event," explains Cyndi Costanzo, the College's director of Wellness and Recreation and senior women administrator, "was to encourage girls to continue to be physically active throughout their lives."

Each girl participated in two sports clinics, which were instructed by Western New England College coaches and varsity athletes. Choices included basketball, volleyball, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, tennis, and softball. "The girls were great," adds Cyndi, "and they loved working with our varsity women. They looked up to them as athletes."

Jessica Northup, of Monson, MA, is a high school freshman. She took part in the volleyball and soccer clinics. Says Jessica, "I had a great time. I met some of the varsity players. I'm on the varsity swim team in high school so it was fun to take the other clinics."

Jessica's mom, Chris, is an alumna of the College. She graduated in 1979. Although she didn't play sports while at college, she played high school softball and field hockey and was also on the swim team. "I have coached some of Jessica's teams when she was younger,"



"Reports show that girls who participate in sports have more self-confidence and are less likely to get involved in drugs or abusive relationships."

Cyndi Costanzo

says Chris. "I still keep active. I know how important athletics are."

After the clinics, the girls and their parents were invited to stay to watch the women varsity basketball players take on Emerson College.

ANYONE CAN PLAY SPORTS

At the College, there are 150 women athletes in varsity sports. Additionally, Cyndi Costanzo says there are more women at the College who participate in the intramural program, which includes sports such as indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, and softball. "Anyone can play these sports,"

says Cyndi, who feels that being involved in sports gives girls and women unlimited advantages. "Reports show that girls who participate in sports have more self-confidence and are less likely to get involved in drugs or abusive relationships," and says Cyndi, "They are more likely to do better in school, and are more independent and career-oriented than those who don't participate." At Western New England College, a higher percentage of student athletes scored 3.0 or higher GPAs than the overall percentage of the school.

Junior athlete Jennifer Mikulec agrees. "Playing sports is a great way to stay in shape and meet people. It also keeps me disciplined and organized." Jennifer has played sports since she was six years old. She is a goalie on the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams, and also manager of the wrestling team.

Sports spells "success" for women who make it part of their lives.

For students Jamie and Jennifer, they hope to stay involved in some way in sports for the rest of their lives and will encourage others to do so as well, for they know the benefits firsthand! **W**



Bianca Rodriguez, Jessica Northup, and Andrea Walsh at the recent Girls and Women in Sports day.

Western New England College Women's Varsity Sports:

Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Swimming
Field Hockey	Tennis
Lacrosse	Volleyball
Soccer	

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By Steve Roulier

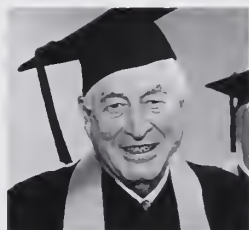


HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED AT COMMENCEMENT 2001

"On the occasion of the College's 50th anniversary of its charter, the past and the future are looked upon with pride, enthusiasm, and with gratitude," said Dr. Anthony Caprio H'00, president of the College. "The trustees, faculty, and staff of the College who built a strong foundation in the Springfield-Northeastern era from 1919 to 1951, are a special part of the first 50 pioneer years of Western New England College."

On May 20 at the Graduate and Off-campus Commencement at the Alumni Healthful Liv-

ing Center, the College awarded the honorary Western New England College baccalaureate degree to alumni holding Springfield-Northeastern bachelor's degrees. There were 36 recipients in attendance at the ceremony. Earlier in the day, at the School of Law Commencement at Springfield's Symphony Hall, the College awarded the honorary Western New England College J.D. degree to School of Law graduates holding the LL.B. degree. There were six recipients present.



WILLIAM G. HOLMES '34

"I have always valued my Northeastern degree, but I am equally honored to be recognized as an alumnus of Western New England College. Every time I come back to the College, I am impressed by the tremendous growth of the campus."



VIOLET VESTER '39

"I'm excited about receiving my honorary degree, not only for me, but also for my entire family. I don't get to Springfield very often, but this is an honor from my hometown and I'm glad to return for this occasion."

Commencement



LAW SCHOOL

Commencement speaker for the School of Law was Oliver C. Mitchell Jr., assistant general counsel at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI, and a former adjunct professor at the School. His remarks were delivered at the Sunday morning (May 20) ceremony at Springfield Symphony Hall. A total of 153 graduates, 78 women and 75 men, received degrees from the School of Law.



COLLEGE APPOINTS GAUDIO AS SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN

Arthur R. Gaudio began his new position as Dean of the School of Law at Western New England College on July 1. Gaudio will be responsible for all functions of the School of Law.



Gaudio was previously a professor of law at the University of Wyoming College of Law, where he had served as dean from 1990 to 1996. His areas of teaching and research expertise are real property, real estate transactions, and real estate finance.

"It's an honor to have been chosen as the new dean at Western New England College," Gaudio said. "Western New England College is an outstanding school with a wonderful faculty. I think the School of Law has an exciting and promising future. I'm looking forward to working with the faculty and College to help provide an excellent legal education through a diverse curriculum taught by an experienced and scholarly group of faculty."

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UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

Dean of Freshman and Transfer students Theodore Zern delivered the commencement address during the May 19 ceremony for the undergraduate students. A total of 700 undergraduates, 234 women and 466 men received degrees.

Former Western New England College student Lance Cpl. Giuseppe "Joey" Leto was honored with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business, awarded posthumously to his parents. Leto died in 1999 while completing summer camp exercises as a United States Marines Corps Reservist. A moment of silence was observed in Joey's memory.

It was a day of many emotions including laughter. During his speech, Dean Zern enlisted the help of peeled potatoes to make his points, offering graduates both wit and wisdom. His students responded with a standing ovation.

Andrea D. Cousens '01, of Compton, NH, delivered the senior student address entitled "What Do You Want to Be When you Grow Up?" She commended classmates who had a clear career direction, and told those still searching to enjoy the journey of career exploration.



Commencement

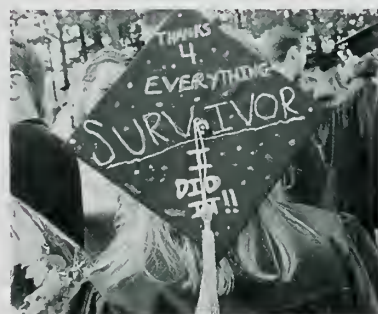


OFF-CAMPUS AND GRADUATE CEREMONY

Congressman Richard E. Neal, 2nd District Massachusetts, was the commencement speaker during Sunday afternoon ceremonies for off-campus and graduate students. A total of 552 graduate students, 149 women and 403 men, received degrees. Raised and educated in the City of Springfield, Mr. Neal holds a

B.S. in Political Science from American International College and master's degree in Public Administration from the Barney School of Business.

Neal has a special connection to Western New England College as he previously taught in the graduate program at our School of Business. **W**



The Facts

Western New England College Class of 2001

Total who graduated: 1,405

461 women

944 men

Undergraduates: 700

234 women

466 men

Graduates: 552

149 women

403 men

Law Graduates: 153

78 women

75 men

Top 5 Majors for Undergraduates:

1. Law Enforcement
2. Criminal Justice
3. Accounting
4. Management Studies
5. Computer Information Systems

Top 5 Degrees for Graduates:

1. Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration
2. Master of Business Administration
3. Juris Doctor
4. Master of Science in Management Information Systems

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Members of the Senior Class of 2001 presented President Anthony Caprio with a gift of \$2,000 to the College. Margaret Herpok, class of 2001 vice president, holds the check with Dr. Caprio. The gift will be used for a leadership fountain that will represent past, present, and future leaders of the College. It is hoped the fountain, which will be placed behind "the bear" near the campus center, will be ready by Homecoming Weekend.

Springfield Sirens Find New Home on Campus

Western New England College has entered a partnership with the Springfield Sirens women's soccer team, Dr. Anthony Caprio, College president, recently announced. As part of the arrangement, the Sirens now play their home games at the College's main athletic field.

"This partnership goes well beyond the College simply providing a field for the Sirens to play soccer," said Dr. Caprio. "In addition to helping to strengthen our service to our local community, it is also offering an attractive venue for more, quality family entertainment in the City of Springfield."

The Sirens' schedule calls for at least eight home games at Western New England College this year. The first game was on Sunday, May 13. Dr. Caprio kicked out the ceremonial first ball at the May 19th Sirens game against Ottawa.

"We are excited about the opportunity to play on the beautiful campus of Western New England College," said Dianne Fabrocini-Kopeck, Sirens owner and general manager. "Now that we're moving up to the highest level of soccer being played by men or women in western Massachusetts, Western New England College provides a professional soccer-friendly environment at this high level."



College Partners with New England Center for Children

The Psychology Department at Western New England College recently announced details of a consortium between the College and the New England Center for Children (NECC). The consortium provides students of the College with the opportunity to participate in a semester of course work and practicum experiences offered at NECC.

Western New England College has been providing part-time interns to NECC for nearly 10 years. Now, under the consortium, students of the College have the opportunity to work and live for an entire semester at the special education school's campus in Southborough. Western New England College is one of only two colleges in the nation with a partnership of this extent with NECC.

The New England Center for Children is a non-profit, publicly funded school serving 215 students with autism, pervasive developmental disabilities, and behavior disorders. Students at the center range in age from two to 22 with diagnoses of autism, Aspergers, learning disabilities, language delays, mental retardation, behavior disorders, and related disabilities. The center recently received the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious National Award for Model Professional Development. It is the first private special education program ever to receive this award. 

Rain doesn't dampen spirit of 33rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament



Winning Foursome at 33rd Annual Golf Tournament with a score of 57 (L-R)
Bill Lindsay '77, Coach Bill Downes G'83, Ed Lindsay '78, and Gary Webster '77

IT WOULD TAKE MORE than a little rain to keep our determined alumni golfers from hitting the links at the 33rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. After weeks without a raindrop in sight, this year's tournament took place on a rainy Friday on May 25, 2001 at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills, MA. Bob Carnevale '68, the Honorary Chair of the tournament kept spirits high despite the downpour. Over \$4,000 was raised through raffles and sponsorships to benefit the Alumni Endowment Fund for Student Financial Aid.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and prize donors and to our resilient alumni golfers. **W**

**Next year's tournament is planned for
Friday, May 24, 2002.**

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Our Men in Rock

By Shera Cohen

We caught up with some of our alumni on the concert trail. Some are household names who have made it big on the music charts, some are names of your neighbors here in the Pioneer Valley. Each of these men fostered their love of music and performing during their years here at Western New England College. Ultimately, something in their makeup led them to the stage. Whether the sounds of the instruments or the kudos from the crowds are their incentives, for these alumni, music is their passion.

Mike Mushok '94 — Staind

Performing in front of 92,000 as half-time entertainment for an NFL Washington Redskins' game last summer, or before a television viewership of millions on "The Jay Leno Show" this May, and now making the cover of *Rolling Stone* (July 19 issue) Mike Mushok never thought his day job in heating and air conditioning would electrify audiences. As one of the originators of the rock group Staind, Mike was also its first manager/agent/promoter. Mike credits his undergraduate degree with giving him the base upon which to start the band on a professional note, while also handling its debits and credits. Staind's credits are now in the plus column, having reached #1 Billboard status on three rock record charts with their single, "It's Been Awhile." Mike's group is a quartet; each member is from Massachusetts. How did they acquire the name? Staind simply came from batting around words until one stuck. Mike, started Staind in



Staind (Left to Right): Johnny April, Michael Mushok '94, Jon Wysocki, and Aaron Lewis.

1995, and they have since recorded three CDs. The second, "Dysfunction," went platinum. In May, 2001 "Break the Cycle," debuted at #1 and sold over 716,000 copies in its opening week. While Mike has released the business end to producers in California, he continues to perfect his talents as a music writer (penning the majority of the music) and guitarist. In addition to an upcoming tour of Canada, Staind will play Europe in August, and back in the States through December. Staind's website is www.staind.com



Left to Right: Michael Serafino '77, Chris Jacque '95, Rob Jacque '99, and Lee Totten '91.

Mike Serafino '77

Wrapping up production of his first CD and having performed in the Valley for many years, Mike Serafino isn't worried that his band still doesn't have a name. One name alumni from the seventies might remember is "The Koalas," Mike's rock band during his college years. Describing his music genre as eclectic with a folk edge, the former Alumni Association president says that playing, not image is what matters most to him. Despite its "No Name" status, Mike's band is a popular group at the College's alumni holiday parties and charity benefits. The band also includes fellow alumni John Bonatakis '76, Joseph Lostritto '76, Thomas Savoy '77, and Terry Scott Nagel L'81. Mike plays guitar, saxophone, mandolin, and keyboards and pens both the music and lyrics. A man who enjoys the journey, not the destination of his musical path, Mike has no illusions of trading in his day job as investment vice president at UBS PaineWebber for a full-time musical career.

Chris Jacque '95 and Rob Jacque '99 —Pile

Families who play together stay together—a take-off on an old adage perhaps, and in the case of Chris and Rob Jacque, they have been performing as two-fifths of the music group Pile for some time. With Chris on drums and percussion and Rob on guitar and as a back-up vocalist, Pile has been entertaining at clubs throughout Hampden County and Connecticut. Their heavy modern rock is beginning to include more

original pieces, and this summer Pile will record their first 6-track EP demo tape of this material. The Jacque brothers were musicians while at college, and Rob ran WNEK for two years. Chris majored in business management and Rob in English literature. Today, both work in insurance. Playing in a band has always been their dream, however. Playing together makes the dream even sweeter. Their weekday computer jobs have ensured them standards of living most struggling musicians appreciate. Yet, if their music landed in the right hands, the choice of music over the world of suits would supercede in the time it takes to beat the drum or strum a chord. Check out Pile's website at www.pileband.com

Lee Totten '91

The segue from English major, philosophy minor, and writer for *The Westerner* to "The Jager Guy," is a track to fame Lee Totten could never have predicted. But the annals of Rock 'n Roll are full of such twists of fate. It all started on a slow night in a Hartford bar in 1995 when the singer/songwriter decided to shake up the crowd of seven by adding 15 verses to "The Jagermeister Song." One audience member happened to be a Radio 104 DJ. Soon Lee's epic became the station's drive-time anthem. The rest is airwave history. The Boston-based musician's debut CD was named one of the Top Ten CDs of 1997 by *The Worcester Phoenix*. That same year he was one of only 14 artists invited to participate in the 1997 American Society of

Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) Advanced Songwriter's Workshop. Since then, he has served in both the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and ASCAP mentoring programs. Lee is now cutting his third CD at the famed LongView Farm studios. His crowds now number up to 50,000 and he is opening for groups such as Everclear and The Offspring. To catch Lee in your area, visit his website at www.leetotten.com

Tim Crist '97 — Worm Quartet

Software engineer by day and comedy synth-punk musician by night keeps Tim Crist a tired guy. His lyrical inspiration, however, spills out while drinking coffee at his desk in his cubicle life. Worm Quartet is the band and the songs' subject matter includes the mundane: soap, spatulas, broken furniture. Also on his latest CD, "Sumophobia," are satirical pieces about Peter Jennings and William Shatner. Tim credits his college DJ experience as an introduction to different types of music, and his electrical engineering major with knowing how to make his music heard—all of his work is done on the computer. He also plays keyboards and is lead and back-up vocalist. Throw in models like "Weird Al" Yankovic and Screeching Weasel, and one can easily trace the roots of Tim's music tastes. Although not a household name yet, Tim has been successful on mp3.com comedy charts, and he has been featured on the "Dr. Demento Show." Tim's website is www.wormquartet.com 

Dynamic Duo joins Alumni Ranks

ERIC STEWART '01 LED GOLDEN BEARS TO NEW HEIGHTS IN MEN'S BASKETBALL

For the past two years, Western New England College has had one of the top men's basketball teams in New England and a key contributor to the squad's remarkable success was a soft-spoken player with a deft scoring touch by the name of Eric Stewart.

Stewart, a native of Fort Montgomery, New York, wrapped up his collegiate career in grand style this past winter by leading the Golden Bears to a 20-8 record, which included a 13-3 mark for second place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). The team's record followed last year's 22-6 campaign, and marked the first time in the program's 35-year history that Western New England College has strung together back-to-back 20 win seasons.

Serving as the team captain and later voted the Team MVP, Stewart was instrumental in helping Western New England College capture its second straight GNAC Tournament, which advanced the Golden Bears to their second consecutive appearance in the prestigious NCAA Division III Tournament. He ranks fourth in the College's all-time scoring list (1,594 points).

Stewart was voted the GNAC Player-of-the-Year for the second straight season, was a repeat selection to the GNAC All-Star First Team, and earned a spot on the GNAC All-Tournament Team. More post-season awards followed when Stewart was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III Northeast Region All-Star Team. In his final appearance wearing the Blue and Gold, Stewart



played in the New England Division III Senior All-Star Classic on April 10 at Holy Cross.

"Eric ranks among the top athletes in school history," said men's basketball coach Doug Pearson. "He is the best clutch player that I have ever coached. He plays his best in the big games and we wouldn't have accomplished what we did without him."

Besides excelling on the court, Stewart also was outstanding in the classroom compiling a 3.35 cumulative GPA (3.7 last semester) in history. He was recognized for his academic accomplishments by earning a spot on the Verizon College Division District 1 Second Team. Stewart would like to attend law school.

ERIN MARINO '01 MAKES MARK IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Like Eric Stewart, Western New England College senior guard Erin Marino of Westerly, Rhode Island, played a key role



in helping the Golden Bears women's basketball team move up a notch in the New England Division III hierarchy.

Marino, a finance major, made the starting lineup as a freshman, and although she led the team in scoring with an 11.9 average, the Golden Bears posted an 11-14 record for their third straight losing season. There was no sophomore jinx for Marino the following year as she averaged a team high 14.0 points to help the squad finish with a 13-11 mark.

This past winter, the sharp-shooting lefthander enjoyed perhaps her finest year despite being slowed by an early season ankle injury. Marino was second on the team in scoring (11.0) while averaging a team best 3.3 assists and 2.7 steals, along with 4.3 rebounds.

With Marino providing the spark in the back court and sophomore forward Jamie Carney (team high 11.9 points and 8.2 rebounds) dominating the inside, the College posted a 16-10 record and tied for second in the GNAC with a 10-2 mark. The Golden Bears also tied for third nationally in scoring

defense (48.4 points) and 15th in field-goal defense (33.4).

Western New England College defeated St. Joseph, Connecticut (67-47) in the opening round of the GNAC Tournament to advance to the semifinals for the first time in school history. Playing in her home state, Marino scored a career high 25 points and added six steals as Western New England College bowed to eventual GNAC Tournament champion and NCAA Division III Final Four participant Emmanuel College (80-65) in Providence, Rhode Island.

For her efforts, Marino was named to the GNAC All-Star First Team and GNAC All-Tournament Team. She ended her sensational career by playing in the New England Women's Basketball Association (NEWBA) Senior All-Star Classic on March 17 that was held in conjunction with the NCAA Division III Final Four Tournament in Danbury, CT.

"Erin was an outstanding leader who had a dramatic impact on the team, especially off the court," said women's coach Wendy Davis. "She was such a great captain that I will be comparing all my future captains with her."

Marino finished her illustrious career fourth on the school's all-time scoring list (1,327 points) while ending up second in steals (265) and third in assists (296). ❧

NEW PIONEER VALLEY CLASSIC COMING TO WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE

Western New England College's Alumni Healthful Living Center will be the site of the inaugural Pioneer Valley Classic men's basketball tournament on Friday and Saturday, December 7-8, 2001.

Western New England College will play Amherst College with Springfield College meeting Westfield State College in the second game of the doubleheader on December 7. On December 8, Western New England will battle Springfield in the first contest, followed by the Amherst-Westfield State match-up. There will be no tournament champion at least for the first year. Game times will be announced at a later date.

"One of the main reasons for having this Classic is that these schools are located in close proximity to one another and all have strong basketball programs," said

Western New England College athletics director Mike Theulen, who noted that Amherst, Springfield, and Western New England all played in the 2000 NCAA Division III Tournament. Western New England and Amherst participated in the national tournament this past winter.

"In addition, all of schools will now enjoy a meaningful partnership with the Basketball Hall of Fame and become more active in the community. The possibilities of our combined outreach in the form of clinics and community partnerships are endless. All of the schools are now involved with several community projects and we expect to do more in the future," stated Theulen.

Amherst will host the tournament in 2002, Springfield in 2003, and Westfield State in 2004.

"Having the tournament the first week of December should generate a lot of interest from the students and the community," said Western New England College basketball coach Doug Pearson.

School officials also will be discussing plans for a women's tournament, perhaps as early as 2002. ❧

WINTER SPORTS RECAP

Men's Basketball (20-8) NCAA Division III Tournament participants (second straight year) GNAC Tournament champions 7-game winning streak

Women's Basketball (16-10) GNAC Tournament semifinals 8-game winning streak 3rd nationally in scoring defense

Men's Ice Hockey (7-14-2) ECAC Northeast Conference (10th) Curry Coca-Cola Tournament champions Lost 4 games by 1 goal

Women's Swimming (5-10) GNAC Championship (3rd) NEWISDA Championship (13th) Largest roster with 14 swimmers

Wrestling (5-21) NECCWA Championship (14th) Several injuries to key performers 7 freshmen (at times) started in 10 weight classes

GIVING BACK TO THE GIVERS

April 1st was no "Fool's Day" for the Alumni Association. National Volunteer Month kicked off with an awards recognition brunch on campus for 75 alumni volunteers, student leaders, faculty, and staff. Alumni were honored for their volunteer efforts, and several Service Awards were presented.

Special recognition was given to Alfred A. LaRiviere '51/H'95 and Raymond Meyers '51/G'64 for 50 years of consecutive service to the Alumni Association. Each was presented with a mounted crystal bowl with the inscription, "With gratitude and appreciation for 50 years of service to the Western New England College Alumni Association." Their wives, Marian and Shirley, respectively, were also recognized and presented with bouquets of spring flowers. In her remarks, Kara Kapinos '87/G'89, director of Alumni Relations, noted that it is rare to see volunteers of their caliber involved for such a long period of time. Additionally, she said that contributions on behalf of the Alumni Association were made to both the Alfred A. and Marian LaRiviere and Raymond and Shirley Meyers Endowed Scholarships.

Among the Service Award recipients honored were: John Drost '88/L'91,

chair of the Springfield Alumni Chapter, who received the National Chapter Service Award from Amy Smith '88/G'00, vice president of the Alumni Association; Leslee Larrivee '99, recognized by Christine Soverow '84 for overall Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association for her work as a mentor, a speaker, and as chair of the Skookum Awards Team; for her long-term involvement with the Alumni-in-Admissions program, Carol Magnotta-Laird '77 was honored by Bill Campanella, associate director of Alumni Relations, with the Special Projects Service Award; and Paul Chmura '87/G'95, chair of the Awards Team, was awarded the Administrative Committee Service Award—newly renamed the Raymond Meyers Award—by Kara Kapinos.

At services during Alumni Day on April 4, two additional awards were presented to alumni who could not be pre-



Hayden Bradley '64, administrative committee coordinator, receives the Alfred A. LaRiviere Award for Outstanding Service to the executive Committee from Mike Susco '70, president of the Alumni Association.

sent at the formal recognition ceremony. Hayden Bradley '64, administrative committee coordinator, was awarded the Executive Committee Award—newly renamed the Alfred A. LaRiviere Award—by Michael Susco '70, president of the Alumni Association. Lynelle Labbee '97, alumni events coordinator presented Andrew Montagna '84, chair of the Benefits and Services Team, with the Communications Committee Service Award.

Additionally, a Faculty/Staff Service Award was presented to Celia Norcross '98, assistant director of student activities, by Kara Kapinos at the Student Recognition Ceremony on April 29. Celia's involvement includes the Homecoming Team, and Golf Tournament Team, as well as serving as a mentor in the Alumni Mentoring Program.

Service Award nominations were sought from all committee and team volunteers in the Alumni Association. Volunteers can self-nominate. The staff of the Office of Alumni Relations chooses award recipients. ❧



Alumni Cruise to Bermuda

There are still a few cabins left on the Celebrity Horizon Alumni Cruise to Bermuda the week of October 6-13, 2001. Space is extremely limited. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 413-782-1327 or 800-962-6592.



Alumni Share Real-world Experience



Top photo (L-R)

Hayden Bradley '64; Frank Gesino '95; Kevin Hamel G'95; Patricia Piquette '90; Laurence Brundrett G'79; Daniel Bruno '97; Andrew Sargent '89; Amy-Margaret Johnson '95; Jeffrey Goulet '88; Frederick Peck G'99; Dr. Anthony Caprio H'00, president; Michael Susco '70, president of the Alumni Association; Donna Thomas '93; Andrew Montagna '84; Kerry Byrne '95/G'00; Nicholas Fagioli '71; Christine Soverow '84; Stephanie Sule '95; James Forsyth '94/L'97; and Edward Hachadourian '43

Photo Above

Andrew Montagna '84 with students in the Principles of Marketing class

April 4, 2001 marked the 3rd Annual Alumni Day, bringing 22 alumni back to campus to speak to classes. Hosted by 13 faculty members, alumni spoke to 17 classes about their "real world" experiences. Students in a variety of classes from Promotional Strategy to Quality & Operations Management, and Drugs, Society and Criminal Justice to Ethical Decision-Making in Marketing enjoyed panels of alumni and single alumni speakers presenting their views and advice on working in those fields.

Alumni participating as speakers represented the undergraduate classes of 1964 through 1999. Professors Anne Rice and Dave Russell indicated that their alumni panels did an excellent job reinforcing the principles they had previously discussed in class, and that students seemed genuinely interested. In some cases, conversations continued long after the classes were over.

Lynelle Labbee '97, alumni events coordinator said, "I am pleased with the enthusiastic response I received from both alumni and faculty. I am especially glad to see more

women involved this year. In the future, I am hopeful that more faculty will take part, allowing us to bring more alumni back to campus."

Our thanks to the following alumni who participated in Alumni Day: Hayden Bradley '64, Laurence Brundrett G'79, Daniel Bruno '97, Kerry Byrne '95/G'00, Timothy Crimmins Jr. '70, Nicholas Fagioli '71 (who traveled the furthest from Nutley, NJ to be part of the program), James Forsyth '94/L'97, Frank Gesino '95, Jeffrey Goulet '88, Ronald Goulet '67, Edward Hachadourian '43 (lunch guest only), Kevin Hamel G'95, Thomas Herrala '68, Amy-Margaret Johnson '95, Andrew Montagna '84, Frederick Peck G'99, Patricia Piquette '90, Andrew Sargent '89, Christine Soverow '84, Stephanie Sule '95, Donna Thomas '93, and Jason Wilson '99.

If you would like to take part in future Alumni Day programs, or be a guest speaker on campus, please contact Lynelle Labbee '97, alumni events coordinator, at llabbee@wnec.edu, 413-782-1557, or 800-962-6592. 

Dianne Mortimer '89: Your New Alumni Program Coordinator

Dianne M. Mortimer of Hampden, MA, joined the staff of the Office of Alumni Relations in March as the alumni program coordinator. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration awarded in 1989 from Western New England College.



Mortimer is primarily responsible for the recruitment and support of alumni volunteers for programs and events including Alumni-in-Admissions, Alumni Mentoring, and the Alumni Career Network. She works closely with and serves as the office liaison to the Administrative Committee of the Alumni Association and its teams—the Awards Team, the Constitution and Bylaws Team, the Nominating Team, and the Skookum Awards Team.

Mortimer spent seven years as a marketing and product manager for Media One in Springfield, formerly known as Continental Cablevision. Most recently, she served as the media relations director at Elms College.

Kara Kapinos, director of alumni relations, stated, "Dianne brings a wealth of resources to this position, which will serve her well meeting the challenges of involving more alumni in the Alumni Association. The fact that she is an alumna is icing on the cake."

Dianne Mortimer can be contacted at dmortime@wnec.edu, 413-796-2259, or 800-962-6592.

Alumni Mentoring Family Grows

What do an information systems specialist, an auditor, and a national account forecaster have in common?

If they are Western New England College alumni, chances are they are volunteers in the 2000-01 Alumni Mentoring Program. These alumni are just three of the 33 volunteers serving as mentors for 67 student protégés.

The Alumni Mentoring Program began during the 1999-2000 academic year as a joint venture between the Office of Freshmen and Transfer Students and the Office of Alumni Relations. The pilot program matched 12 alumni mentors with 12 sophomore student protégés. In this capacity, alumni served as guides, counselors, facilitators, and role models to challenge and encourage their protégés to become the best they can be. Although it may sound like a commercial for the U.S. Army, students made connections with alumni that would not have happened under typical student circumstances. Theodore Zern, dean of freshmen and transfer students, and Bill Campanella, associate director of Alumni Relations, were somewhat conservative in their plans to expand the program for this year. "We were hoping to increase the numbers to about 25 protégés and 25 mentors," Campanella noted. Both were surprised with the student interest in having alumni mentors for this academic year. Sheer numbers alone do not determine the success of this program.

Alumni took the lead in contacting their protégés, who were, at first, hesitant about what mentors could do for them. In the majority of cases, relationships were readily established, while in some, connections never got off the ground. Careful attention was made to match mentors and protégés as best as possible

by major and gender. Recruitment efforts focused on alumni who had graduated within the past five years.

A training program was held in the fall. Topics covered were the diverse roles of a mentor, the mentoring relationship, positive mentoring, stages of the mentoring relationship, effective strategies, and potential outcomes. A dinner reception where mentors and protégés met for the first time and interviewed each other to determine what each was hoping to get out of the experience followed. The group was brought together again in December for a bus tour through Bright Nights at Forest Park and dinner on campus. Program evaluation took place in late April, with both mentors and protégés sharing their experiences, what worked, and recommendations for future programs.

Thanks to the following alumni who served as mentors in this year's Alumni Mentoring Program: Robert Banspach '96, Diane Barnes '99, Lynn Binder '98, Lynn Boucher '97, Daniel Bruno '97, Jennifer Casceillo '99, Robert Cassin '99, Donald Cavanaugh III '97, Helder Cerqueira '98, Ryan Courtemanche '00, Brian Feeley '98, Paul Freitag '99, Jeffrey Goulet '88, Kristin Lake-Piano '96, Leslee Larrivee '99, Becky Lauber '99, Emily Neale '99, Celia Norcross '98, Brian O'Shaughnessy '95, Jennifer Paquin '96, Beth Przybylowicz '00, Brandon Reed '98, Leanne Roy '96, Sharon Ryals '98, Paul Sasur '98, George Semanie Jr. '99, Rebecca Senecal '00, Timothy St. James '99, Kelly Trombly '98, Roy Weldon '99, Kelly Wharton '99, Nicholas Wolkowicz '97, and Paul Yacovone '91/G'95. ❧

Attention Golden Bears Football Fans Coming to the Homecoming Game!

ALUMNI AND THEIR GUESTS who pre-register for Homecoming will be admitted to the Homecoming football game free-of-charge. As the field is now enclosed, if you choose to attend the game and have not pre-registered, you will be charged a nominal fee at the gate. Watch for the Homecoming brochure in the mail to register.



Don't forget, pre-register and save!

Alumni Chapters Keep You Connected

The National Alumni Chapter Program continues to strengthen, thanks to the leadership of our volunteer chairs. The chair(s) in each chapter, along with volunteer teams, plan several events annually that help alumni remain connected to or reconnect with the College. Events vary from social and networking functions to community service and fundraising activities. Though still in its infancy, the National Alumni Chapter Program continues to provide a variety of venues to engage alumni. There are active chapters in Boston, Cape Cod, Hartford, New York City, Springfield, and Washington, DC. A Philadelphia Chapter will launch this summer.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS WITH THE CHAPTERS INCLUDE:

Hartford Chapter: City Steam Brewery Café—June 14, 2001;
Yankees/Red Sox Game at Yankee Stadium—September 8, 2001

New York City Chapter: Yankees/Red Sox Game at Yankee Stadium—September 8, 2001

Springfield Chapter: Yo Yo Ma Concert at Tanglewood—July 14, 2001;
Family Picnic and Softball Game—August 19, 2001; Yankees/Red Sox Game at Yankee Stadium—September 8, 2001

Note: Yankees tickets are sold out!

Check the alumni website at www.wnec.edu/alumni for more information.

The pen is mightier than the application fee.

With the signature of an alumnus/a of the College on the application form, the application fee for the prospective undergraduate students is waived.

Tell us about a prospective student you know who will be applying soon.

Name of candidate	Alumnus/a name: _____ Graduation _____
Mailing address	_____
Phone number	How long have you personally known the applicant and in what capacity? _____
Present school and grade	Alumnus/a signature: _____
Academic interests	Mail the completed form to: Admissions Office Western New England College 1215 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA 01119 Fax: 413-782-1777
Extracurricular interests	

Alumni News

Benefits and Services Team Kicks into High Gear

Under the direction of Andrew Montagna '84, the Benefits and Services Team has undertaken the task of identifying those benefits, services, and products that should be offered to alumni through the Alumni Association. With direct input from alumni (see Benefits Survey), the team will examine those services thought to be most worthwhile. Montagna notes, "Each program that we review must create lasting value and provide effective service for our alumni. Revenue generation should be a secondary factor in our decisions."



Lynelle Labbee '87, alumni events coordinator, presents the Communications Committee Service Award to Andy Montagna '84, chair of the Benefits and Services Team.

The Alumni Travel Program falls under the jurisdiction of the team. Although the cruise to Bermuda is scheduled for October, plans are already underway to identify a travel destination for next year.

New volunteers are needed to join the Benefits and Services Team, which meets quarterly in the evening. Current members include: David Arildsen '88, Nancy '85/G'89 and Peter '85/G'88

Cokotis, Martha McNair-Sowa G'00, Andrew Montagna '84—chair, Melanie Otero '94, Anna Silvestro '00, and Bill Tait '94. If you would like to be part of this dynamic group, please contact Dianne Mortimer '89, alumni program coordinator at dmortimer@wnec.edu, 413-796-2259, or 800-962-6592. ❧

40TH ANNUAL TAX INSTITUTE

at Western New England College
Friday, September 21, 2001
8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

For details, visit www.wnec.edu/tax/

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Benefits and Services Team Benefits Survey

The Benefits and Services Team of the Alumni Association is in the process of assembling an array of benefit programs that would be available to alumni.

Please take the time to provide us with your feedback. It would be a great help in gauging which of these services would be most worthwhile. Check the offerings below that you would be interested in pursuing.

- ☐ Discounted computer purchases
- ☐ Financial services
(financial planning, investment advising, etc.)
- ☐ Discounts on big ticket merchandise
(large appliances, furniture, health equipment, etc.)
- ☐ Insurance
(type) _____
- ☐ Travel discounts
- ☐ Wireless communication plan

Are there any other services that would be of interest to you? _____

In the future, would you be more apt to complete surveys that were:

- (Check one) ☐ Web-based
☐ Return mail or
☐ fax

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this survey.

Please mail or fax to:

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Or go to www.wnec.edu/alumni to send the form online.

Class Notes

Become a Class Correspondent

The following classes need a class correspondent: 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, and 1975. If you are interested, please call Lynelle Labbee, alumni events coordinator, at 413-782-1557, 800-962-6592 or email llabbee@wnec.edu. This is a fun way to become involved with the Alumni Association and to keep in touch with your former classmates!

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RICHARD VERONESI (mechanical engineering) Chair of the College's Department of Mechanical Engineering, coauthored with professor Said Dini a paper for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2000 Fluids Engineering Division Summer Conference in Boston titled, "Design of a Mobile Test Facility for Motorcycle Helmet Drag Measurements."

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WILLIAM JANKINS (management), a collector of historical items, including postcards, recently had some of his collection enlarged and hung on the walls of West Brookfield's town hall in Massachusetts, where he lives with his wife, Louise. The Jankins have three adult sons, Steven, Michael, and Brian, and six grandchildren.

WALTER DeFILIPPI (MBA) has been given the 2001 Citizenship Award from the West Springfield St. Patrick's Committee. A former state representative, Walter has served the city in many ways as a member of the Board of Assessors and a member of the Finance Committee.



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RONALD MUSIAK (electrical engineering), associate professor of electrical engineering at the College, coauthored the paper "Simulating an Industrial Environment by Creating Interdisciplinary Design Team Activities for a Common Junior Year Laboratory Exercise," which was read at the American Society of Engineering Education Conference in St. Louis in June.

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ROBERT DAVIS (MBA), president of Village Candle in Bath, ME, served as volunteer chair of the commerce and industry division for last fall's fundraising campaign at United Way of Mid Coast Maine. Prior to becoming president, Bob served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Connecticut Savings Bank. He is also a incorporator of Mid Coast Hospital and has served as chairman of the board at the YMCA of Greater New Haven and a member of the board of United Way of Greater New Haven. He and his wife reside in Harpswell, ME.

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ERNEST A. STEEN (MBA), a consulting engineer for ALSTOM Power, Inc. of Windsor, CT, was honored by ASME International (The American Society of Mechanical Engineers). The recognition was for outstanding contributions in the development of ASME Pressure Technology Codes and Standards. He has received the Society's J. Hall Taylor Medal.

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DONALD BARSALOU (MBA) has been named vice president of operations for the Connecticut divisions for Stop and Shop Supermarkets. He serves on the Board of Trustees for Western New England College, the Connecticut Food Association, and the Springfield Junior Achievement Association. He and his wife, Frances, live in South Hadley, MA, with their three sons and daughters.

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CARL J. BAGGE (accounting) has been named by the Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as chair of its Management of an Accounting Practice (MAP) Committee for the organization's current activity year. He is managing partner with the Windsor, CT firm of Bagge, Cennamo & Company, LLP. Carl resides in Southwick, MA.

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WILLIAM G. CULLINAN (English, L'85) announced the opening of his own law practice in Springfield. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Bar since 1985, and recently worked for the firm of Cohen, Rosenthal.

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DAVID P. MARINI (accounting) was elected to the Board of Directors of Watson Wyatt & Company. Dave also serves on the firm's Management Committee, and is the vice president and global director, HR Technologies Group. He and his wife, Liz, and their children, Maryellen and Michael, live in Marlborough, MA.

RORY WALSH (mathematics), former basketball player for the College, recently retired from the Marine Corps.

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MARK D. FELLION (management) has been appointed vice president of commercial lending at FirstMass Bank. He was previously with Sovereign Bank of New England.

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TIMOTHY E. FLYNN (MBA) has been appointed corporate controller for the Micro Networks Corp. of Worcester, MA. Previously, Tim was the corporate controller of American Saw and Manufacturing Company. He lives in East Longmeadow, MA.

JAY M. FORGOTSON (MBA) has been named president and chief executive officer of Cornerstone Bancorp Inc. of Stamford, CT. The Board of Directors of the Bancorp also elected him as a director. He was a senior vice president of People's Bank for the past 10 years. He resides in Westport, CT.

ANN M. LUKASIK (accounting) of South Hadley, MA, has joined Moriarty & Primack P.C., Certified Public Accountants of Springfield as senior staff accountant. She is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.

THOMAS M. PETROLATI (government) has been state representative for the past 14 years for the seventh Hampden District in Massachusetts. He currently resides in Ludlow, MA.

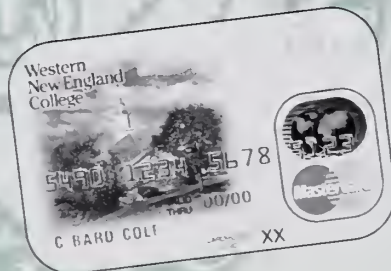
PHILIP J. STONER (MBA) was named executive director of the Emergency Medical Service Institute in Pittsburgh, PA, by the Board of Directors in October of 2000. Formerly with Quorum Health Resources, he has 20 years of experience as a health care services executive plus experience in emergency medical services.

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DAVID M. BARTLETT (MBA) of Leominster, MA, has been named chief financial officer at the Leominster-based Peoples Community Credit Union. He was previously associated with Middlesex Bank and Trust Company and Lexington Savings Bank as accounting operations and auditing officer.

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PATRICIA M. MONTEIRO (social work) of Mattapoisett, MA, has been selected for inclusion in the special millennium edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. She is a clinical social worker for the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center and also serves as an independent court investigator and guardian for juvenile and probate courts in Bristol County, MA.

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YVONNE BOGLE (accounting, G'91), director of diversity programs and services at Western New England College, conducted the annual on-campus blood drive this past September.



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GERALD D. COIA (MBA) was appointed vice president of retail sales at Tolland Bank in Vernon, CT. He resides in Palmer, MA, with his wife, Eileen, and is also an adjunct professor at Western New England College teaching finance and management.

ALICE L. DAVEY (accounting) was appointed the community development director for Palmer, MA, last fall. She had previously been the administrative assistant in the Community Development Office for nine years.

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ROBERT C. DROZDOWSKI (computer science) joined America's Community Bankers as senior regulatory specialist. He was previously with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, where he was program analyst on legislative and regulatory issues in the division of research and statistics. He currently resides in Washington, DC, with his wife, Sara, and son, Jacob.

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BRENDA (Hupfer) KENYON (computer information systems) of Exeter, RI, has been promoted to the position of engineering manager with Healthcare Automation, a software business in Warwick, RI. She has a U.S. registered patent on software material she introduced in 1995 while employed with Early Cloud Company in Newport, RI.

STEVEN SCHREINER (electrical engineering), assistant professor and coordinator of the Biomedical Engineering Program at Western New England College, received an \$8,000 grant for his work on "Biomedical Engineering—The Human Side of Engineering." The money was used

for a program that ran last summer to teach Agawam, (MA) High School students about biomedical engineering.

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CANDACE H. FITZEK (MBA) was promoted to executive vice president, consumer banking at Webster Bank. She was previously executive vice president, retail banking at BankBoston.

DAVID IWANICKI (marketing) has accepted a new position within Eli Lilly and Company. In late 2000, Dave started as critical care manager for the Albany, NY, Critical Care District. He has been with the company for 13 years and is in his sixth in sales management. Dave, his wife, Tarrayon, and their son, Connor (3) reside in Clifton Park, NY.

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STEPHEN M. JAMOC (MBA) ran unopposed for his fifth term as 59th district representative in Connecticut this past fall. Stephen is a tobacco and strawberry farmer, currently residing in Enfield, CT.

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ROBERT M. ALLESSIO (MBA) was named president and chief executive officer of Berkshire Energy Resources of Pittsfield, MA, as well as president and CEO of the company's three operating subsidiaries: Berkshire Gas, Berkshire Propane, and Berkshire Service Solutions. He joined the company in 1995. The father of five children, he is active in youth sports, and lives in Dalton, MA, with his wife, Coleen.

CHRISTOPHER P. ASSELIN (history) is a purchasing agent for the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, MA. He recently won a seat in the Massachusetts State legislature as state representative in the 9th Hampden District. He lives in Springfield.

MICHAEL J. CANALES (history) has been named executive director of the Williamstown Youth Center in Williamstown, MA, where he has been assistant director for the past six years. He and his wife, Kat, have two young sons, Owen and Evan, and reside in North Adams, MA.

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LAURA J. GAITO (MBA) was elected vice president at the Warren Bank of Beverly, MA. She joined the bank as an assistant vice president in the corporate banking group in March 1999. Laura has more than 15 years experience in the banking business.

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JEREMY LABLOND (accounting) of Belchertown, MA, has joined the professional staff of Joseph, D. Kalicka & Company, certified public accountants.

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KEVIN CHRISANTHOPOULOS (government) of Agawam, MA, has joined Burstein Law Offices, P.C. as an associate. He will concentrate his practice on civil and criminal litigation. He is a member of the Hampden County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

AMY KUPEC (biology) graduated from the University of New England with a master in physician assistant studies. She plans on stay-

ing in Southern Maine to practice as a physician's assistant. She says hello to all of her "campus center crew." You can contact her at akpac2001@aol.com

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OWEN CRAMER (mechanical engineering) coauthored a paper with College professor Said Dini, entitled "Use of Reticulated Metal Foam for the Collection of Solar Radiation," for the ASES Solar 2000 National Solar Conference in Madison, WI.

LOREN M. FORASTIERE (general business) has been promoted to director of finance and administration in addition to her present position of office manager at Forastiere Family Funeral Homes. She lives in Agawam, MA, and teaches kickboxing and aerobics at Western New England College.

ROBERT A. FREGAULT (accounting, G'01) has joined Rosenfield, Holland, Raymon, and Pielech, PC, as senior staff accountant in the assistant and advisory department. He resides in Riverside, RI.

JOSEPH PERKINS (law enforcement) has been appointed to the Middleboro, MA police department's detective division.

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CHAD JZYK (management) joined Harmon Personal Services, Inc. in its new North Adams, MA, branch as a staffing coordinator.

PHILLIP J. LeCLAIR (law enforcement, G'00) of Agawam, MA, has been appointed safety manager of Holyoke Hospital Inc. in Holyoke, MA.

TIMOTHY LEE (MBA) has been promoted to director of financial ser-



Basketball Reunion an Alumni Slam Dunk—Former Golden Bear's basketball players took to the court for a reunion earlier this year:

Top Row: Matt Halpin '74, Brian Jenkins '90, Corey Debbold '00, Steve McFarland '00, Rod Butler '71, and Tom Wiggerton '74.

Second Row: Keith Kinsella '88, Kevin McKee '00, Ryan Abraham '00, Mike Charbonneau '00, Tom Keane '00, Ryan Manning '00, and Nels Larson '00.

Bottom Row: Kevin Hamel '85, Bill Laramee '69 and his grandson Colin Laramee, Peter Harris '79, John Steurer '84, John Drost '88, Tim Hamel '87, and Carlo Pelligrini '87.

vices for K-B Toys. He has held several positions in the financial department, most recently as manager of sales audit and cash management. Tim resides in Pittsfield, MA, with his wife, Tami.

MICHAEL S. OLEKSAC (MBA) of Feeding Hills, MA, has been promoted to senior vice president in the commercial banking group at FirstMass.

KAREN M. PASKO (management studies) of Springfield, MA, has joined the State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA, as administrative secretary. She was previously employed at the Western New England College School of Law Library for 13 years.

MICHAEL PERRAULT (mechanical engineering) coauthored a work with WNEC professor Said Dini for the ASME 2000 Fluids Engineering Division Summer Conference in Boston. The piece was entitled, "Design of a Mobile Test Facility for Motorcycle Helmet Drag Measurements."

JENNIFER TAIT (psychology) coauthored "Spirituality and Being in the Zone in Team Sports: A Relationship?" for the *Journal of Sports Behavior*. She cowrote the work with

College professor Kathleen Dillon. Jennifer is currently a graduate student in clinical/behavioral psychology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and the psychology coordinator at Lifestream in New Bedford, MA.

SCOTT WOJENSKI (criminal justice) has joined his hometown Southington, CT police force. He attained a 95.75 average in the Connecticut Police Academy in 1998, and was awarded the Chief Luciano Award for academic achievement. He started with the Southington force in 1996.

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JONATHAN ANDREWS (mechanical engineering) coauthored, with College professor Said Dini, a piece for the ASES Solar 2000 National Solar Conference in Madison, WI, entitled "Use of Reticulated Metal Foam for the Collection of Solar Radiation."

ANDREW BARNES (mechanical engineering) coauthored the work, "PC Based Data Acquisition, Control, and Analysis of a Heated Cylinder in Cross Flow" with professor Said Dini of Western New England

In Memoriam

College for the ASME 2000 Design and Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference in Baltimore.

MARK GERMAIN (accounting) of Chicopee, MA, has joined as staff accountant for Moriarty & Primack P.C., certified public accountants of Springfield.

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MICHAEL ANNESE (MS) of the Saugus, MA police department has been promoted to lieutenant in the police department after 20 years of service. He had been promoted to sergeant in 1995. Michael is head of the town's community policing effort.

PAUL DONNELLY (law enforcement) has recently been promoted to lieutenant in the Westborough police department in Westborough, MA. He has spent twenty-five years on the force, and the past seven as a night sergeant.

KRISTEN DRAPALA (criminal justice) of Killingworth, CT, was sworn into service as a police officer for the Middletown, CT police department on March 1, 2001. She began police academy training in March.



Kristen Drapala '00

THOMAS J. MOORE '62 (MBA) died March 26, 2001, in Bradenton, FL. A resident of Bradenton and Rockport, ME, he had been employed by Tambrands Inc. as the plant manager in Rutland, VT, retiring as the executive vice president in 1987 after 27 years of service. He enjoyed sailing and was a member of the F & E Masons, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife, Kerry; two daughters, Linda Bailey of Alpharetta, GA, and Shirley Barnhart of Rutland, VT; three granddaughters, June Shobaken of Atlanta, GA, Kate Barnhart of Baltimore, MD, and Kelly Barnhart of Rutland, VT; two sisters, June Bulpitt of Southbridge, MA, and Bettie Swanson of Bethel, CT.

HAROLD STRANDBERG '63 (mechanical engineering) died January 5, 2001. A resident of Holden, MA, he was a research engineer for 42 years at Norton Company in Worcester, MA. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He leaves his wife of 53 years, I. Marie (Gill), and daughter, Ann Sico of Andover, MA; two brothers, Frans E. of New Hampshire and V. Raymond of Holden; and three grandchildren.

FRED P. BACON '64 (management) died February 7, 2001, at a nursing home in Ludlow, MA. He was a self-employed antique furniture restorer. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a technical sergeant in the 1261st Engineer Combat Battalion in the Central Europe campaign in 1944-45. While a student at the College, he was a member of the Senior Banquet Committee and Pi Tau Kappa. He leaves his wife of 60 years, the former Rose Stolar; and two sisters, Marguerite Decker of Ludlow, MA, and Shirley Livi of Little River, SC.

FRANK T. CHIDSEY '64 (business) died in Longmeadow, MA, on February 11, 2001. He was the former animal control officer in Longmeadow. He was a member of the Student Senate and the Senior Banquet Committee while a student. He leaves his wife, the former Jean Avis; a son Frank T. Jr. of Longmeadow; two daughters, Jean Duclos and Marilee Elliott, both of Longmeadow;

ow; a brother, Irving of Maryland; and four grandsons. His daughter, Cheryl Champ, died in 1988.

DONALD MALBOEUF '65 (MBA) died on March 8, 2001, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in the Leeds section of Northampton, MA. He was a purchasing agent for Temp Pro Inc. before retiring in 1981. He lived in Northampton all his life. He ran for public office twice, for treasurer in 1997 and for mayor in 1999. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He served in the National Guard for three years and in the Army for three years. He leaves his brother, Louis, of Northampton; and a sister, Gloria Bouda, of Enfield, CT.

LEONARD HUTCHINSON '66 (mechanical engineering), a resident of West Springfield, MA, died March 25, 2001, in a Westfield, MA, nursing home. He worked for Gilbarco in West Springfield for 25 years and later was a quality control manager at Gerber Scientific in Windsor, CT. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Ship One Sea Scouts, winner of the National Flagship. While at the College, he was a member of Pi Tau Kappa. He also served as an Admissions Volunteer in 1974-75. He leaves his wife of 61 years, the former Elizabeth "Lee" Majiros; a son, Robert L. of Brimfield, MA; and two daughters, Janet Lee O'Connor of Springfield, and Gail Borkowski of West Chazy, NY.

KARL T. KANIA '66 (management) a resident of West Warwick, RI, died at home on January 16, 2001. Formerly the office and sales manager of Coronet/Thermogravers, he became general manager and then sales manager before retiring in 1997. He had previously worked as a computer programmer for the Buxton Company in Agawam, MA, and an office manager for Strathmore Paper Company in Westfield, MA. He was a member of Mary Doran Council #8977 and the Knights of Columbus. He leaves his wife, Amy (Almeida); his mother, Margaret (Patryn); a son, Jeffery J. of Warwick, RI; a daughter, Lisa M. Morris of Cranston, RI.; a sister, Irene Jarvais of Ludlow, MA, daughter-in-law,

Lynn of Warwick, RI, and three grandchildren, Ryan and Alyssa Kania, and Dylan Morris.

GREGORY C. MACDONALD '75 (MBA), a resident of Longmeadow, MA, died Sunday, January 21, 2001 in Springfield. He was executive director and vice president at R.E. Lee Insurance Group and previously worked for Travelers Insurance for 21 years. He became a Certified Life Underwriter in 1981 and held several insurance licenses. He was a member of the Longmeadow Country Club. He leaves his wife, the former Barbara Lanzelotti, two sons, Gregory C. Jr. of Deerfield Beach, FL, and Robert J. of Longmeadow MA; five brothers, Michael J. III of Honolulu, HI, Alan G. of Winchester, MA, Ronald A. of Haverhill, MA, Brian S. of Los Angeles, CA, and Thomas P. of Jarrestville, Maryland; and a sister Susan M. of Santa Ynez, CA.

MARTIN STIGLITZ '77 (MBA) died January 20, 2001. A retired engineer and inventor born in Vienna, Austria, he and his brother fled to the United States in 1939 to escape Nazi persecution. He volunteered for the Army in 1942, and after training at Fort Benning, GA, was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division. In 1951 he began working as an engineer for the Air Force. During his work with the Air Force, he published numerous technical articles and received seven U.S. patents for electronic devices. He also helped develop a dentist's tool that quickly fills root canals. He was listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Science and Technology." He leaves his wife Sachiko, (Sakimura).

GLENN J. MCCARTHY '82 (mechanical engineering) died January 26, 2001, in Baltimore, MD. He was a mechanical engineer in the aerospace industry working for Pratt and Whitney, Boeing, and Westinghouse Co. for 18 years. He was a member of the Professional Engineers Society. He leaves his father, Edward, of Clearwater, FL, his mother, Madeline, of Chicopee, MA; two brothers: Edward of Chicopee, and Mark of Norwich, CT; four sisters: Melanie

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of Wilbraham, MA, Christina and Laurie, both of Chicopee, and Audrey Brouillard of California.

ROGER F. BRUNELLE '82 (MBA) of Wilbraham, MA, died January 11, 2001, at Baystate Medical Center. A former area and statewide advocate for the disabled, he was a consultant for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and Retardation and the regional director of Help for Children. He was the vice president of business development for Greater Enfield (CT) Allied Rehabilitation Centers Inc. since 1990, and he was a consultant to the executive director and the board. While employed there, he developed expansion program opportunities for residential and day programs for the disabled. He was previously a real estate appraiser for Western New England Appraisals and a former vice president of marketing for the Rosenthal Group. Prior to that, he was the executive director of Riverside Industries, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Hassett); two sons, Army Captain Roger Jr., of Fort Irwin, CA and Eric of Belmont, NY; a daughter, Angela, of Pleasant Hill, CA; two brothers, Gerard of Ottawa, Canada and Joseph of Manchester, CT; two sisters, Madeline Labore and Lillian, both of Manchester, CT, and a grandson.

ERICH M. GERHARD '84 (electrical engineering) died January 25, 2001 in South Kingston, RI. He had been an electrical engineer for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI, since 1984. While a student at the College, he was a member of the Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers (IEEE). He leaves his parents Fritz and Irma of Wilbraham, MA; two brothers, Peter of Chicopee, MA, and Frank of New Hampshire; and a sister Heidi Pickreign of Harvard, MA.

SUZANNE S. WEGRZYN '87 (human resource management) died January 19, 2001. A resident of Chicopee, MA, she was an account executive for GE Financial Assurance in Enfield, CT. She is survived by her brother, Joseph, of Chicopee; three uncles Edward, Mitzi, and Theodore, all of Chicopee; two aunts, Genevieve Klofas of Chicopee and Madeline Desilets of Chesapeake, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

ARTHUR H. B. CLARKE, trustee emeriti, a resident of Springfield, MA, died February 11, 2001. He was president of the Chase, Clarke and Stewart Insurance Agency. Upon retirement in 1985, he had worked in the insurance industry for 60 years. He was a graduate of the

Insurance Institute of America and received a graduate degree from the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters. He was a member and trustee of Faith United Church, the Springfield Library and Museums Association, and the Springfield Home for the Elderly. He was a corporator of Baystate Medical Center and the Greater Springfield YMCA and the first benefactor of the Community Foundation of Western MA. He was a corporator of Western New England College in 1965. While serving as a trustee, he chaired the Law School Building Committee, the Honorary Degree Committee, and the Fiscal Affairs Committee. He established the Arthur H. Clarke and Barbara M. Clarke Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1995. Photography and stamp collecting were among his hobbies, and he often displayed photographs in the College art gallery. Fellow trustee Alfred LaRiviere '51/H'95 remembered him fondly, "He was very dedicated to the school. All of the corporators took a lot upon themselves to make the school what it is today. He was a gentleman all the way."

LOWELL C. DAY, former Western New England College professor, died in Leesburgh, FL, on February 17, 2001. He was professor of government from 1983 to 1989, assistant dean from 1974 to 1983, and associate professor of government from 1971 to 1973. He was active in the American Political Science Association and other political science groups. From 1989 to 1994, he was a specialist in Latin American studies in Reston, VA. He leaves two sons, Eric of Reston and Brian of Wayne, PA; a brother in CA; a sister in PA; and a granddaughter.

JACK H. WILLIAMS, former criminal justice professor, died January 25, 2001, at the Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg, PA. He was a lieutenant colonel in the Army with 21 years of active service when he retired in 1982. He served in Vietnam and taught at West Point Military Academy and Judge Advocate General school in Charlottesville, VA. He was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was a professor of criminal justice formerly at Penn State, and at Western New England College from 1992 to 2000. Most recently he was chairman of the Department of Justice Studies at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. In addition to his mother, he is survived by two daughters, Tracey Williams of Los Angeles, CA, and Bet Williams of Saugerties, NY; a sister Suzanne Tips of Tulsa, OK; a brother, David of Berwyn, PA; and a grandson.

Marriages

RONALD E. DEARDEN '71 (economics) and Carol E. Hansen in Hatfield, MA

STEPHEN S. PAGE '86 (general business) and Shannon L. Holt in Chicopee, MA

RICHARD MARION '87 (accounting) and Michelle Roux in Winchendon, MA

DEAN P. CARNEIRO '89 (government) and Kerry J. Mokrzycki in Chicopee, MA

JAMES DONOVAN '89 (marketing) and Gina Marcheselli in Springfield, MA

TODD MAZANEC '89 (mechanical engineering) and Cheryl Wallace in Woods Hole, MA

HEATHER V. GIBSON '91 (computer information systems) and Scott Hayden in Springfield

KELLY J. FIJAL '93 (accounting, G'00) and Todd S. Cieplinski in Ware, MA

STEPHANIE A. ODOM '93 (sociology) and **JOSEPH M. COOPER** '94 (general business) in Holyoke, MA

BRUCE S. CALLAHAN '94 (communications) and Kathryn R. Felix in South Hadley, MA

JAMES M. PASCHETTO '95 (mechanical engineering) and Catherine M. Restor in East Longmeadow, MA

STEPHEN J. TOKARSKI '95 (mechanical engineering) and Kathleen M. Ricciuti in Ashaway, RI

KAREN B. WADDINGTON '95 (social work) and William E. Balzer II in Cranston, RI

MARIE LYNN BARNETT '97 (mathematics) and Jed C. O'Brien in Springfield

CRAIG J. CAMERLIN '97 (government, L'81) and Margaret A. Fleury in Chicopee, MA

ERYNN A. SCHMIDT '97 (computer information systems) and **DANIEL R. JACOBSEN** '97 (computer information systems) in Adams, MA

DEBORAH EILEEN BRENNAN '98 (social work) and **GEOFFREY W. STOWELL** '98 (government) in Stamford, CT

MICHAEL D. CHRISTIANSON '98 (computer information systems) and Kylee E. Wierzchowski in Chicopee, MA

CHRISTINA DEGRAFF '98 (criminal justice) and **RICHARD MURPHY** '97 (criminal justice) in Burlington, VT

ANDREA LAYTON '98 (finance) and Mark E. Sudsbury in South Hadley, MA

DARCI L. VIGLIANO '98 (social work) and Michael S. Cove in West Springfield, MA

SUSAN M. VILLAMAINO '98 (criminal justice) and **DAVID J. MANTONI** '98 (accounting) in East Longmeadow, MA

VALERIE MORIN G'00 (MSCJA) and Daniel Nussey in Spencer, MA

Resources for Alumni

Career Resources

The Office of Career and Human Resources offers its services to alumni. Career counseling, a résumé referral service, weekly job listings, a newsletter, an extensive resource library, and a computerized career guidance program are available after registering with this Office. For assistance, or to make an appointment, call Career and Human Resources at 413-782-1217.

The Alumni Healthful Living Center

All alumni are invited to use the AHLC facilities at any time during which the Center is open. Call the AHLC at 413-782-1518 to verify the hours. There is no charge for alumni to use the facility, but the Alumni Association card and a photo ID are required for admission. Guest passes for friends and family members may be purchased for \$2.00 each from the Student Administrative Services (SAS) office at 413-796-2080.

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Alumni may audit undergraduate courses at Western New England College for \$15.00 per credit hour if space is available. Graduate courses in the Schools of Business and Engineering may be audited on a space-

available basis by alumni who completed a bachelor's or a master's degree at Western New England College and who also have the listed prerequisite(s) for the course selected. (Courses in TEAM MBA, and the School of Law are not available for alumni auditors.) The College does not maintain any record of registration or completion of courses by alumni auditors.

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The D'Amour Library is available to all alumni. Register at the circulation desk with your Alumni Association card when you arrive. Hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday noon to 11 p.m. The library website is: libraries.wnec.edu/welcome.html. Call D'Amour Library for more information at 413-782-1535.

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Looking for a Western New England College shirt, hat, or car sticker? The Campus Bookstore has a wide variety of official College merchandise. It is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Bookstore for more information at 413-782-1284, or visit it on the Web at www.wnec.bkstr.com

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Requests can be submitted in person, by mail, or by faxing us at 413-796-2081. Requests sent through the mail should be addressed to:

SAS Office—Transcript Request, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.

All transcript requests should include the following: student name (first, middle, last), Social Security number, telephone number, dates of attendance at the College, address(es) to which transcript(s) are to be mailed, and any prior names used while attending the College.

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